

STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephonic interview regarding the present application. During the interview, Applicants' representative submitted that U.S. Patent No. 6,956,665 (Miyahara) discloses a system wherein a single print job with both Black and White (BW) and color pages is divided into two print jobs. If the base printer is a BW printer, the color pages are printed on a separate color printer and then the user is instructed to obtain the color pages and place them into the input paper tray of the base printer. Then, the base printer finishes the print job. In the case that the base printer is a color printer, the BW pages are printed on a BW printer and the user is instructed to retrieve the BW pages and place them into the input tray of the base printer before the base printer completes the print job.

Applicants' representative further submitted that the present claims concern generating one or more print jobs for one or more printers based on a single print order. In one aspect of the claims, when the print order does not indicate color printing, a plurality of print jobs are generated and are respectively assigned to a plurality of print devices having a designated type. However, when the print order indicates color printing, a single print job for the print order is generated and assigned to a single print device having a designated type.

The Examiner stated that he understood the present claims but requested that additional amendments be made to clarify how the print jobs were distributed and the distinction between how monochrome and color printing are managed.

Applicant submits that no agreement was reached regarding the claims and the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks contain the entire substance of the interview.